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TESTING THE WATERS FOR FUN DAYS IN THE SUN *Volunteers To Get Snapshot Of Water Quality Throughout Region Saturday*

May is Watershed Awareness Month and to kick off the month, San Diego County will join others in the state for the Third Annual California Coastal Snapshot Day, Saturday, April 30, at 8 a.m.

People along the California coast will collect water samples simultaneously to provide citizens and specialists a valuable "snapshot" of water quality. The County and Citizens Watershed Monitoring Consortium will lead monitoring conducted by trained volunteers. Participants include San Diego Baykeeper, San Diego State University, Sister Schools of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Team and CETYS Universidad. This event is supported by Prop. 13 funds from the State Water Resources Control Board. Kickoff for the event will be at Spanish Landing Park on San Diego Bay across from Lindbergh Field. Parking is available at the park.

California Coastal Snapshot Day is designed to increase public awareness of water quality issues affecting the ocean and to encourage the public to act in ways that will benefit water quality. For more information, go to www.projectcleanwater.org

VISUALS: *Spanish Landing is on the northern shore of San Diego Bay. A demonstration of monitoring equipment illustrates how citizens can be trained to perform monitoring. Media are invited to follow volunteers to sites for monitoring shots in the field.*

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